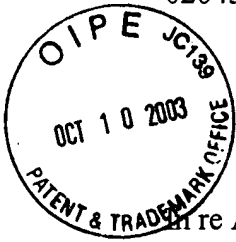


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A. Introductory Comments

I. This is in response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed together with a Petition to extend the time and payment of the appropriate fee on September 4, 2003. An Appeal Brief would have been due on November 8, 2003. Please consider the following remarks in support of patentability of the above-identified application.